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Re: Proposed Transmission Line in Meade and Breckinridge Counties
PSC Case No. 2004-00365

Dear Ms. O'Donnell,

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County") offers its support for the 161,000 Volt transmission line that Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") plans to construct in Meade and Breckinridge Counties, Kentucky. Meade County strongly believes that the proposed line is a necessary second power supply source for Big Rivers' Meade County substation. The Meade County substation is currently served by an existing 161,000 volt transmission line, and the proposed line is a much-needed backup for that existing line.

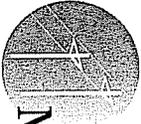
The Meade County substation serves seven Meade County distribution substations, from which Meade County serves approximately 9,800 retail customers. These retail customers experienced outages as a result of the storm-related loss of the existing line in July of this year. The proposed line will help avoid such outages and, in the event of an outage, will allow a much quicker restoration of service. As such, the proposed line will offer increased service reliability and a tremendous benefit for Meade County and its retail customers.

We appreciate Big Rivers plans to construct the proposed line and offer any assistance Big Rivers needs in order for this project to be completed as soon as possible. Meade County asks that the Commission act as expeditiously as possible to afford the cooperative members in Meade and Breckinridge Counties the earliest possible access to the advantages of this proposed Big Rivers system improvement.

Sincerely yours,

David T. Wilson
Chairman of the Board
Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Cc: Big Rivers Electric Corporation



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